

# CALFRESH (CF) PROGRAM

## REQUEST FOR POLICY/REGULATION INTERPRETATION

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete items 1 - 10 on the form. Use a separate form for each policy interpretation request. Retain a copy of the CF 24 for your records.

- Questions from counties, including county Quality Control, must be submitted by the county CalFresh Coordinator and may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility for the county, with a copy directed to the appropriate CalFresh Policy unit manager.
- Questions from Administrative Law Judges may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility to the county where the hearing took place, with a copy of the form directed to the appropriate CalFresh Bureau unit manager.

1. RESPONSE NEEDED DUE TO: <input type="checkbox"/> Policy/Regulation Interpretation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> QC <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	5. DATE OF REQUEST: 09/05/12	NEED RESPONSE BY:
2. REQUESTOR NAME: MAHER ALHAKEEM, QC supervisor	6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: San Francisco County, Agency of Human Services	
3. PHONE NO.: (415)503-4810	7. SUBJECT: Student Eligibility with AmeriCorps allowance	
4. REGULATION CITE(S): MPP 63-406.211 & 216(a)	8. REFERENCES: (Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references) NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s).  63-406.211 63-406.216(a) 63-507(a)(17)(B)	

9. QUESTION: (INCLUDE SCENARIO IF NEEDED FOR CLARITY):

Question: Are the exact hours that the full time student of higher education works weekly in an AmeriCorps funded position, counted to determine whether the client met the student eligibility for CF program? You must also know that the student receives a monthly living allowance (stipend) of \$1210 which is under the title I exemption from being included in the CF budget.

Scenario: The client is enrolled more than half time in the University of SF night classes, and at the same time is a member of the SF Teacher Residency Program as a teaching resident at El Dorado Elementary, which is an AmeriCorps Funded position. Her work hours range from: 07:30am - 3:30PM Monday thru Friday. Letter from the SF Teacher Residency program is attached.

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

We think that even though the AmeriCorps monthly payment is excluded earnings for the HH, but the student must meet at least one of the student criteria at the date of the interview. According to the work schedule, the client has met the minimum of 20 hours of weekly employment and got paid for such employment, regardless the employer was the AmeriCorps program or any other employer.

It is not clear to us whether the student is assigned to or placed in an institution of higher education through or in compliance with the requirements of Section 63-406.216(a) (JTPA)

11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY):

Assuming correct treatment of the AmeriCorps income (see ACL 12-41 for reference), the state concurs with the requestors proposed response. In this case the student is meeting the minimum requirement of working twenty hours per week, and being paid for that work per MPP 63-406.211.

Note: please see ACL 12-37 for information regarding the CalFresh waiver to average student work hours.

### FOR CDSS USE

DATE RECEIVED:	DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ:
----------------	-------------------------------

